30. *Water Supply schemes.* The capital outlay on the Trivandrum Willingdon Water Works is expected to stand at Rs 58·2 lakhs at the end of this year and the expenditure provided for in the budget is Rs ·50 of a lakh for extension of street mains and settlement of contractors' accounts and other liabilities.

The schemes for the supply of water in the towns of Alleppey and Shencottah are progressing and it is expected that the Supply could be begun in October next. The water supply scheme for the Nagercoil town is also making fairly good progress.

31. *Trivandrum Drainage.* Sewer-laying work is in good progress, as also the construction of manholes and house connections. Pumps for the Pumping Station at Kuriathi and the sub-pumping Station at Karamanai are expected to arrive from abroad and be installed towards the middle of next year. The construction of the Pump House will be started soon after the monsoons. The expenditure under the scheme would stand at about Rs 16·3 lakhs by the end of this year. An expenditure of Rs 5·7 lakhs has also been provided for in the next year's budget.

32. *Railways.* The capital charge for the Quilon-Trivandrum Railway and the Chakai-Thampanur Extension at the close of the year ended 31st March 1938 was B. Rs. 52·69 lakhs and B. Rs. 27·29 lakhs respectively. The budget estimate for 1115 provides for a sum of Rs. 26,790 mainly to meet payments on account of land acquisition charges anticipated to be decreed by courts. The South Indian Railway Administration is now working the Extension provisionally as part of the Quilon-Trivandrum Section, pending settlement of the terms which are still under consideration. The agreement is expected to be drawn up shortly.

The working of the Travancore Railway resulted in a loss of B. Rs. 52,188 for the year ended 31st March 1939 representing the deficit in the interest guaranteed by the Government, the amount being worked out on yearly calculations in accordance with the revised orders of the Government of India. A sum of B. Rs. 13,092 has also been refunded by the Railway Company in addition to the sum of B. Rs 15,052 already refunded as mentioned in my predecessor's speech last year.

In this connection, I may also inform the House that our representation for the reduction of the rate of interest, with retrospective effect, on moneys advanced by the Secretary of State for discharging debentures in 1924 and 1926, from 5½ per cent to 3¼ per cent per annum is still under the consideration of the Central Government. The probable savings if the Central Government accept our representation would be about Rs ·75 of a lakh.

Commercial Undertakings.

33. *Pallivasal Hydro-Electric Project.* The works in connection with this scheme are nearing completion. The sub-stations at Mavelikara, Kundara, Pallom, Kothamangalam and Alwaye are ready. The construction of the new Power House at Pallivasal is over and the generating plant is being re-erected. The major transmission lines are

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ready and the distribution lines are almost complete ; and it is anticipated, to certainty, that the project will be in actual operation before the middle of next year and in all probability by the middle of December 1939. The revenue yield for the six months the scheme will be in operation next year, has been estimated at Rs. 2·5 lakhs ; and it is hoped that within 3 years from the commencement of service, the scheme will be able to meet interest, depreciation and working expenses. The total expenditure on the project, including civil and electrical works, is expected to stand at Rs. 127·35 lakhs at the close of the current year, while for the next year, a provision of Rs. 20 lakhs has been included in the Budget for the completion of the unfinished items of work, as well as for operation expenses.

34. *Trivandrum Electric Supply.* The total capital expenditure on this scheme is expected to stand at Rs. 10·60 lakhs at the end of the current year and the expenditure budgeted for for the next year is Rs. ·70 of a lakh. The present generation is 1·33 million units per annum, which is likely to mount up to 2 million units with the opening of the Rubber Factory. The demand for supply of power is encouraging and the gross receipts during the current year are expected to be Rs. 2·55 lakhs and those during the next year are estimated at Rs. 2·76 lakhs.

35. *Quilon Electric Supply.* By the close of the current year, Government would have incurred a capital expenditure of Rs. 3·11 lakhs on this scheme and Rs. 3·41 lakhs by the close of the next year. There is a rapid increase in the demand for supply of power. The total generation in 1112 was only ·23 million units. It rose up to ·8 million units in 1113 and is expected to go up to 1·7 million units at the end of this year. The receipt for this year is estimated at Rs. 1·37 lakhs and that for the next year at Rs. 1·50 lakhs.

The Depreciation and Reserve funds of the Electrical schemes are expected to stand at Rs. 6·97 and Rs. 3·08 lakhs respectively at the close of the next year.

Sir, Travancore has boldly ventured to harness the Munnar in the confident hope that she would supply the State's deficiencies in iron, cotton and coal by what the Americans call "White coal" and thereby ensure a never failing source of ever-expanding accession of revenue as well as the country's industrial growth and re-generation. The example of Sivasamudram in Mysore and of Pykara in Madras, the latter of which owes its courageous inception and statesman-like execution to you Sir, when you held the reins of office in the Presidency, should assuredly hearten us to push on with the Pallivasal Scheme which heralds the dawn of a new era of hope and prosperity.

36. *Trunk Telephone Scheme.* This Scheme is making rapid progress. The Trunk line from Trivandrum to Quilon has already been brought into operation and the remaining works are expected to be finished during the year. The capital expenditure on the scheme is estimated to stand at Rs 3·98 lakhs at the close of the current year,

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